

Muscoy MAC Meeting Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

Council Members Present:

Larry Claunch

Gloria Dickey

Anna Duarte

Vanney Mayberry

Kay Sanders

Jerry Smith

Lea Tinker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claunch at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Sheriff's Specialist Katy Gray requested that the MAC amend the minutes of the previous meeting to change the Sheriff's contact phone number to (909) 387-8313. Councilmember Duarte moved to amend the minutes and approve them. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dickey and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Non-Action Items

A. Sheriff's Department – Service Specialist Kathy Gray

Ms. Gray presented the Muscoy crime statistics for the month of September:

752 calls for service, 126 reports; 1 malicious vandalisms; 13 property; 5 auto thefts; 11 auto thefts w/ recovered vehicles; 10 crimes against persons; 32 miscellaneous; 50 arrests.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Central Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated community of Muscoy. For non-emergency calls and/or information residents may contact the station at (909) 387-8313. For emergencies call 911.

B. County Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Supervisor Julie Hernandez

Ms. Hernandez reported that there are currently 148 open cases in the Muscoy area.

Most of these complaints include inoperative vehicles, junk/trash and illegal use of the property (which include illegal businesses, and substandard housing).

Code Enforcement is investigating reports of illegal dumping in Muscoy. If anyone has information regarding illegal dumping they can contact Code Enforcement to report information: (909) 387-4044.

C. CERT – Citizen Corps Sub-Council & Training – Richard Monfils

Mr. Monfils displayed the CERT kit that includes a CERT vest, hardhat and backpack for supplies. These items will allow residents to identify CERT members in the event of a disaster.

Mr. Monfils stressed the value of having a diverse sub-council reflective of the Muscoy community, including educators, businesspersons and bilingual Spanish-speaking persons. A variety of ages and experience will allow members to complement one another in the planning and implementation of disaster plans. The sub-council will work with local law enforcement and fire department to train and prepare for disaster response.

For more information on CERT residents may contact the Office of Emergency Services (OES) at (909) 356-3998.

Action ItemsA. County Special Districts – Pam Vandervoort

Ms. Vandervoort reported that surveys were mailed out to all property owners in the proposed Muscoy street lighting district. There are currently two options for street lighting:

1. Placement of street lights at all street intersections.
 - a. Total cost per property owner would be approximately \$9 per year.
 - b. An annual inflation increase of no more than 2.5% would be assessed depending on the increase of energy costs.
2. Placement of streetlights at intersections and mid-block.
 - a. Total cost per property owner would be approximately \$18 per year.
 - b. An annual inflation increase of no more than 2.5% would be assessed depending on the increase of energy costs.

Property owners are encouraged to fill out the survey and return them to Special Districts so they will be tallied properly. If the majority of property owners respond to the survey in favor of street lighting then Special Districts will move forward with a special election.

B. Southern California Edison (SCE) – Ray Gonzalez and Staff

Mr. Gonzalez and staff answered questions regarding SCE's street lighting services and how it may potentially impact Muscoy residents should they choose to create a street lighting district.

Residents asked if "dark sky" ordinances affect street lighting. Dark sky ordinances do not affect street lighting. It pertains to privately owned sources of light. There are several options to help reduce streetlight from shining into residences. Repair and general maintenance of the streetlights are included in the tax assessment.

NEW BUSINESSNon-Action Items

None

Action Items

None

REPORTS5th District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez**Old Muscoy Fire Station Demolished**

On October 2nd, 2006 the County Fire Department demolished the old blighted Fire Station #75 located on Darby St. The Supervisor thanked the residents of Muscoy for expressing their concerns during the MAC meetings about the negative elements the old vacant structure had attracted. The Supervisor also thanked Fire Chief Thom Wellman and his fine crew from the fire department. They responded swiftly and effectively in bringing down the blighted structure and the cleanup that followed.

County Ordinance regarding Registered Sex Offenders

The Board of Supervisors today approved an Ordinance to add Chapter 14 to Division 7 of Title 2 of the San Bernardino County Code relating to the regulation of registered sex offenders who have been convicted of a crime against a child. This Ordinance would add several provisions to the County Code, including prohibiting registered sex offenders convicted of a crime against a child from residing within 2,000 feet of a daycare center and within one-half mile of a school. In addition, the Ordinance will create **300-foot “predator-free zones”** around schools and parks where children are present in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

The Ordinance was drafted to coincide with California Proposition 83, known as “Jessica’s Law” on the November 7th general election. Proposition 83 seeks to increase penalties for habitual sex offenders.

City Ordinance Regarding Registered Sex Offenders

The San Bernardino City Council on Monday approved moving two proposed ordinances to committee next month. One City Ordinance would add Chapter 9.97 to the S.B. Municipal Code regarding prohibition of sex offenders from residing within 2000 feet of any public or private school, park, or other place where children regularly gather.

Another Ordinance would require landlords to post their names and phone numbers alongside 24-hour contact information for city agencies on a sign visible from the street. The ordinance is designed to take advantage of additional powers given to municipalities if Proposition 83 is approved on Nov. 7.

After School Programs

Supervisor Josie Gonzales allocated \$10,000 for mini-grants to fund after school programs operating within in the Fifth District. The “After School Program Mini-Grant Awards” will be up to \$2,500. There is no deadline to apply. However, they will be distributed to qualifying programs on a first-come, first-served basis. Organizations must provide proof of incorporation to qualify for funding. Those interested in applying should call (909) 387-4565. Applications also are available on Supervisor Gonzales’ website at **www.sbcounty.gov/gonzales**.

The eCivis program Grants Locator Software Program is available **free** in over 30 county libraries and at the First Five office in San Bernardino. Community and faith-based organizations are welcome to utilize this important tool.

Grant Writing Conference

The October 25, 2006 conference is fully booked, and due to a cancellation, we were able to add one more Muscoy resident.

Grade Separation, State St./University Parkway/Cajon Blvd.

Supervisor Gonzales is working ways to best keep the grade separation project on course and how to get the project done as timely as possible. She wants to ensure coordinated activities related to the project to meet project goals and avoid duplication of efforts wherever possible among the County, SANBAG, SCE, etc. SANBAG is in the process of procuring contractors for the project. Construction will likely take approximately two years to complete.

Events

County Wide Community Cleanup & Recycling Day - Saturday, October 28, 2006 -

County residents may dispose and recycle regular household trash and debris at no charge at all County-owned landfills normally open on Saturdays. Free loads are limited to private vehicles up to $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickups or trailer up to 20 feet long. Proof of residency will be required. The landfill closest to Muscoy is the Mid-Valley Landfill located at 2390 N. Alder Ave., Rialto. It is open on Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Statewide Election - is Tuesday, November 7th - The last day to register or change address is next Monday, October 23, 2006. We encourage citizens to exercise their democratic freedoms and get out to vote.

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairman Larry Claunch

No Report

Council Member Gloria Dickey

Council Member Dickey is helping organize a program comprised of faith-based organizations to support some of the community efforts in the San Bernardino area.

Council Member Anna Duarte

Council Member Duarte announced that there is a correction to the information flyer on street lighting.

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

No Report

Council Member Kay Sanders

No Report

Council Member Jerry Smith

No Report

Council Member Lia Tinker

Council Member Tinker expressed concerns about the potential increase of traffic in the area do to commercial development in north San Bernardino.

Action Item

Council Member Duarte moved to reschedule the November meeting from the 21st to the 28th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and all were in favor.

The November Muscoy MAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 7 p.m.

Public Comments:

Daryl Armor

Mr. Armor was upset with neighbors who play loud music late into the night and early morning. He contacted the Sheriff's Dept. to complain but was told to wait until Monday for a response. He wanted to know why the Sheriff's Dept. did not respond to his complaint.

The meeting was adjourned to the next MAC meeting scheduled for November 28, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Muscoy Fire Station # 75, 2852 Macy Street.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565